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11/13/2012 – FY2013 Window Dates Announced

The FY2013 application filing window for the FCC Form 471 will open at noon EST on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, and close at 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The window will be open for 93 days. For more information, please refer to the Schools and Libraries [Special Edition News Brief](#), issued November 13, 2012.

11/13/2012 – Special Edition News Brief Issued

A Special Edition of the Schools and Libraries News Brief is now available, announcing the FY2013 window dates and tips and reminders for filing. [Subscribe](#) to the News Brief to receive it each week in your inbox.

11/9/2012 – News Brief Issued

This week's [Schools and Libraries News Brief](#) is now available. Receive E-rate tips, deadline reminders, and answers to your questions in this weekly news brief. [Subscribe](#) to it and receive it each week in your inbox.

11/6/2012 – E-File Will Be Unavailable From 9:00 PM EST Thursday, Nov. 8 to 7:00 AM EST Friday, Nov. 9

The E-File system will be unavailable from 9:00 PM EST on Thursday, November 8th until 7:00 AM EST on Friday, November 9th. Please plan your filing accordingly.

11/2/2012 – FCC Form 486 and FY2011 Recurring Services Invoice Deadlines Extended to Jan. 28, 2013

Due to the impact of Hurricane Sandy, USAC has extended the deadlines for FCC Form 486 and Funding Year 2011 recurring services invoice submissions to January 28, 2013. USAC will make this change for all participants and participants will not need to request this change individually.

The FCC Form 486 deadline for Funding Year 2012 FRNs has been moved to January 28, 2013. Any FCC Form 486 with a deadline up to that date will now be due on January 28, 2013, thus giving additional time to submit forms that may have missed the October deadline.

Additionally, recurring services delivered for Funding Year 2011 FRNs will now have an extended deadline until January 28, 2013. This is the same deadline for recurring services, making all invoices for Funding Year 2011 FRNs due at the same time.

We continue to monitor federal disaster declarations, and will allow extra time for applicants in the areas designated for relief to comply with various deadlines, including responding to PIA, and other program requirements. As usual, for those outside the federally declared disaster areas, if additional time to respond to requests is needed, please do not hesitate to contact your reviewer and request such.

We will continue to post any new information to this website as necessary.

10/30/2012 – Status of USAC Operations Due to Hurricane Sandy

USAC operations have only been moderately affected by Hurricane Sandy. We are continuing to process applications and pay invoices as quickly as possible. Furthermore, the [Client Service Bureau](#) in Kansas remains open and ready to answer program questions. The fall applicant training sessions will continue as scheduled in Minneapolis, Portland, and Los Angeles.

As always, we will monitor federal disaster declarations, and will allow extra time for applicants in the areas designated for relief to comply with various deadlines, including responding to PIA, and other program requirements. Applicants requiring additional time to submit their BEAR invoices should request an [invoice extension](#) as soon as possible.